

purpose and land required for the construction of building or curtiages thereof to abur on such street or streets ;

(23) the building or purchase and maintenance of suitable dwelling for the poor and working classes ;

(24) the provision of shelter to destitute or homeless persons and any form of poor relief ;

(25) measures to meet any calamity affecting the public in the city ;

(26) with the previous sanction of the Government, the making of a contribution towards any public ceremony or entertainment in the city ;

(27) any measure not herein before specifically named, likely to promote public safely, health, convenience or instruction.

67. Powers and functions of the mayor.—(1) The mayor shall preside over every meeting of the corporation.

(2) Subject to the provisions of his Act the mayor shall have general powers of inspection and may give direction to the commissioner with regard to the implementation of any resolution of the corporation or a standing committee and the discharge of any obligatory and discretionary functions of the corporation, and the commissioner shall comply with such directions.

(3) The mayor may, by an order in writing delegate any of his functions to the deputy mayor.

(4) The mayor shall **ex-officio** be a member of the standing committees other than the standing committee for taxation and finance, and **ex-officio** member of ad-hoc committees constituted under this Act.

(5) The mayor shall not be eligible to be elected as chairman of any standing committee or ad-hoc committee

and he shall not have the right to vote at the meeting of such committees.

(6) If the mayor is, at the time of his election as mayor, the chairman or an elected member of a standing committee, he shall cease to hold office as such chairman or member of such committee.

(7) If any vacancy occurs in the office of the chairman of any standing committee, the mayor shall convene a meeting of such committee for the election of another chairman.

68. Functions of the deputy mayor.—(1) When the office of the mayor is vacant, his functions shall devolve on the deputy mayor until a new mayor is elected.

(2) If the mayor is continuously absent from the city for more than fifteen days, or is incapacitated, his functions shall devolve on the deputy mayor until the mayor returns to the city or recovers from his incapacity, as the case may be.

(3) The deputy mayor shall discharge such functions of the mayor as may be delegated to him by the mayor.

(4) The deputy mayor shall **ex-officio** be the chairman of the standing committee for taxation and finance.

69. Functions of standing committees.—(1) The standing committee for taxation and finance shall deal with all matters relating to finance, taxation, accounts and audit and all other matters not specifically assigned to the standing committee for public health or the standing committee for works, which are required to be dealt with by or under this Act.

(2) The standing committee for public health shall deal with all matters relating to public health and sanitation.

(3) The standing committee for works shall deal with all matters relating to public works, town planning and improvement.

(4) The corporation shall by regulations framed for the purpose determine the powers and duties of each standing committee not specifically provided for in this Act and may by regulations provide for a conference of two or more standing committees or for the appointment out of such committees of a joint committee for any purpose in respect of which they may be jointly interested.

(5) The standing committee for taxation and finance, in addition to the powers and duties assigned to it under the regulations,—

(a) shall supervise the utilization of the budget grants ;

(b) shall have access to the accounts of the corporation, and may require the commissioner to furnish any explanation which it considers to be necessary as to the receipts and expenditure of the corporation fund ;

(c) may conduct a monthly audit of the corporation accounts and shall be bound to check the monthly abstract of receipts and disbursements for the preceding month as furnished by the commissioner ; and

(d) may, subject to the approval of the corporation, write off the amount of any loss, or depreciation caused to corporation property which appears to the committee to be irrecoverable :

Provided that where the amount of any such loss or depreciation exceeds rupees one thousand it shall not be written off except with the previous sanction of the Government.

(6) The corporation shall sanction such staff as may reasonably be required by the standing committees to discharge their respective functions.

70. Delegation of powers to commissioner by standing committee.—(1) Whatever it is provided by the Act or any other law for the time being in force that the commissioner may take action subject to the approval, sanction, consent or concurrence of a standing committee the standing committee may, by resolution in writing, autho-

rise him to take action in anticipation of its approval, sanction, consent or concurrence subject to such conditions, if any, as may be specified in such resolution ;

(2) Wherever the commissioner, in pursuance of such resolution, takes any action in anticipation of the approval, sanction, consent or concurrence of a standing committee he shall forthwith inform the committee of the action so taken.

71. Functions of the commissioner.—(1) Subject, whenever it is in this Act expressly so directed, to the approval or sanction of the corporation or the standing committee concerned and subject also to all other restrictions limitations and conditions imposed by this Act or by any other law for the time being in force, the executive power for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act and of any other law for the time being in force which imposes any duty or confers any power on the corporation shall vest in the commissioner, who shall also.

(a) perform all the duties and exercise all the powers specifically imposed or conferred upon him by or under this Act or by any other law for the time being in force ;

(b) prescribe the duties of, and exercise supervision and control over, the acts and proceedings of, all corporation officers and servants, and subject to the regulations dispose of all questions relating to the service of the said officers and servants and their pay, privileges and allowances ;

(c) in any emergency take such immediate action for the service or safety of the public or the protection of the property of the corporation as the emergency shall appear to him to justify or to require, notwithstanding that such action cannot be taken under this Act without the sanction, approval or authority of some other municipal authority or of the Government ;

Provided that the commissioner shall report forthwith to the standing committee concerned and to the corporation the action he has taken and the reasons for taking the